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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF SPIEGEL REPORTER RAISED OFFICIALLY BY FRG
REPRESENTATIVE GAUS

REF: A) BERLIN 6919 B) BERLIN 6927

1. THE EAST BERLIN PRESS REPORTED ON PAGE 2 OF
BOTH NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND BERLINER ZEITUNG A
MEETING ON DECEMBER 18 BETWEEN FRG REPRESENTATIVE GAUS
AND GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NIER. THE REPORTS STATE
THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE AT GAUS'S INITIATIVE DURING WHICH THE
FRG REPRESENTATIVE PROTESTED THE EXPULSION OF SPIEGEL
CORRESPONDENT METTKE.

2. THE EAST BERLIN REPORTS STATE THAT NIER REJECTED THIS
PROTEST AND SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE PRESS LAW
OF 1973 WHICH METTKE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TRANSGRESSED. NIER
IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE LECTURED GAUS ABOUT THE DUTIES OF
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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED TO THE GDR, ESPECIALLY

THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBSERVE THE LAWS OF THE HOST COUNTRY.
THESE DUTES, ACCORDING TO NIERJS STATEMENT, ARE IN "COMPLETE
ACCORD" WITH THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI.

3. COMMENT: THE EAST BERLIN REPORTS OF THE GAUS-NIER
MEETING DO NOT MENTION "FORCED ADOPTION" AS THE SUBJECT OF
RECRIMINATION AS DID THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT OF
THE PREVIOUS DAY. THERE IS LIKEWISE NO MENTION OF THE
SPECIFIC PART OF THE GDR PRESS LAW WHICH METTKE IS SUPPOSED TO
HAVE TRASNSGRESSION. CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS GDR PUBLIC
STATEMENTS ON THIS MATTER, THERE IS NO ALLUSION TO ANY
EFFECT ON GDR/FRG NEGOTIATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT
"SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN" AGAINST THE GDR. GROVE

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